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The Mission of The Church of God

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:18-20. The Church of God is the means or the divine agent which Jesus has placed in the world to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

The very heart and soul of our religion is missionary, progressive and world embracing. If the Church of God fails to have a missionary spirit she has failed to come up to the ideal of her glorified head. This she will not do, but will arise in the strength and glory of Him who was seen moving among the candlesticks and will carry this glorious gospel to the nations of the earth. There may be times when silence is gold, and speech is silver; but there are times also when silence is dead and speech is life. For the Church of God to remain silent and turn a deaf ear to the pleadings of the nations of the earth for help means spiritual death, but to heed the call that is coming from almost every land will mean life and health and prosperity to the Church of God as never before. If there ever were a time that the Church of God should feel the weight of the responsibility that so heavily rests on her shoulder it is today.

The early saints felt the weight of this responsibility. To them the preaching of the gospel incurred a responsibility that was both individual and universal. Their future destiny and the salvation of a lost race depended upon their fidelity. With the feeling of this tremendous responsibility, their missionary zeal naturally resulted in the spread of the gospel far and wide.

The ministry of the apostles and early saints laid the foundation for world-wide evangelism. They had a special divine qualification for the work to which they were called to do. They had enjoyed the noble privilege and high honor of being closely associated with the Lord who had taught them many wonderful lessons, and they had witnessed the many stupendous miracles which He performed, also His resurrection, together

with the enjoyment of His presence for forty days, during which time He delivered to them the most sacred promise which was to divinely qualify them for the successful accomplishment of all He had called them to do. After receiving the fulfillment of this promise they were to be witnesses unto Him "in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

As the body of Adam was formed of the dust of the earth, by the divine hand and God breathed in him and he became a living soul, so the Church of God was formed by Jesus Christ during His personal ministry on earth by calling and ordaining His apostles and giving them the commission to go and preach the gospel. Others of His followers were also associated with them until the number of names were about one hundred and twenty. He delivered to them the great commission as above stated, also the command that they tarry until they be endued with power from on high, and when the day of Pentecost was come the hour had arrived for the fulfillment of this glorious promise and He breathed on the Church from heaven, and it immediately became a live moving power and an agency for the noble purpose of carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Oh, Church of God, the body of Christ, we must be fully alive to the situation and responsibility of carrying this wonderful gospel to the millions of earth, who are sinking down in the night and blight of sin, going to Christless graves. Shall we be true to the great commission and the trust which is committed to us? If we are fully alive to this great missionary cause, we shall break forth on the right hand and on the left, and the influence and power of the Church will be felt in regions beyond, and many will rise up in that day and call her blessed.

The Church of God is the pillar and ground of the truth. This means that the work of supporting and promulgating the truth has been left to the Church. The word TRUTH embraces the full gospel, the revealed will of God. In the great commission we are commanded to teach the nations to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded us, and the great mission of the Church of God is to teach a strict observance of all that He has commanded

us. So many institutions in existence today hold to some special truth and are endeavoring to promulgate that truth, but it means much more to preach, "all things."

Every movement must have a definite time and place of beginning. The Church is no exception to the rule. Pentecost is the day that life and fire, power and victory came on the Church, and Jerusalem was the place where this great and mighty cyclone of power began to sweep over the world. From there they went preaching the gospel, the Lord confirming the Word with signs following. Pentecost was the day when world-wide evangelism was inaugurated. Jerusalem was the place.

BASE OF OPERATIONS. Every wise general in planning a great military campaign first selects a base of operations. Jesus selected Jerusalem as His base of operations in planning the great campaign against the forces of evil and the power of darkness. The great need of the Church today in our missionary work in foreign lands is to select and establish a strong base of operations. In China we are in urgent need of funds to establish a missionary home. Some of the most effective services have been when missionaries met the incoming ships and invited the missionaries of various denominations to such a home and taught and prayed with them, telling them of the pentecostal experience that they had the privilege of receiving which would enable them to do more effective service. In this way many have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and have gone out into the interior and preached pentecost. Also many opportunities are knocking at our door to open up new mission stations, which we are unable to do on account of the shortage of finance. Our missionaries have almost been forced to abandon some of their mission stations and churches already established because of the shortage of finance to meet their obligations.

Our work in the Bahama Islands is a proven success. Many dear saints on these islands have the Holy fire burning in their soul. One visit there will convince you that foreign mission work pays. Our overseer there is greatly hampered on account of the shortage of finance, and the other countries where we are doing missionary work as well.

The great commission embodies the universal call for every true follower of Jesus Christ, and should be answered every true follower of Jesus sentative. While many are unable to go in person it is their privilege to share in this great work by representatives. This can be done by cheerfully contributing of our means to the

support of this full gospel which should go to all the world. With foreign missions it is often as it was in the time of the war or rebellion, some who were unable to go as soldiers had the privilege of hiring a substitute to go in their place. There are many in the Church who may not feel that they are fitted or able to go as a foreign missionary, but by their business opportunities they are able to earn money by which they may be able to send a substitute to the heathen lands to stand there in their place and preach the gospel of Christ. It certainly is our duty to either go or send. The riches of this glorious gospel which has so transformed our lives is entrusted to us and if we purposely withhold or neglect to send it to the nations of the earth God will not hold us guiltless if we let our brothers perish in darkness.

If we could only get a glimpse or have a vision of the millions who are sinking down, never to rise, I am sure that we would manifest a greater interest to hurry this gospel of power to them. Paul was a great missionary, he traveled from town to town to preach this message of full salvation, and was so possessed with this genuine missionary spirit, that it was his thoughts by day and his visions by night. One night while resting his tired body he saw a vision, a man standing by, saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Today the Macedonian cry is coming from almost every land, "Come over and help us." Just a few days ago I received a cablegram from far away China for funds to be sent or the work would suffer almost irreparable loss. Every saint should bathe his face in tears for God to supply the needed means to hurl this gospel to the heathen over the sea.

A missionary once told the story of how he came to enter the mission field. "In coming home one night driving across the vast prairie I saw my little boy hurrying to meet me. The grass was high on the prairie and suddenly he dropped out of sight. I thought he was playing and was simply hiding from me; but he did not appear as I expected he would. Just then the thought flashed across my mind. 'There is an old well there, and he has fallen into it.' I hurried up to him and reached down in the well and lifted him out; and as he looked up into my face what do you think he said? 'Oh, papa, why didn't you hurry?' Those words never left me. They kept ringing in my ears until God put a new and deeper meaning into them, and made me think of souls without God, and without hope in this world: and from that vast throng a pitiful, despairing, pleading cry rolled into my soul, Oh, why don't you hurry?"—Sel.

CHINA'S NEED

By Rev. E. P. Burtt

From Northern China's mountains,
To Southern China's shore,
Two hundred million brothers,
Whose hearts are sad and sore
Are waiting for the gospel,
To shed its light within,
That they may know the sweetness
Of grace that saves from sin.

Oh, pity China's daughters,
Two hundred million more,
Despised, enslaved, down-trodden,
No hope for them in store;
The gospel light they see not,
No glorious freedom feel;
To them no precious Scripture,
The love of God reveal.

Long, long have they been waiting,
Most pitiful their state;
So poor, degraded, helpless,
Believing that fierce fate,
Was seeking their destruction,
For spirit, body, mind:—
Alas, the blessed Savior,
They know not how to find.

Just now is China's moment,
Just now begins her day:
The darkness of past ages,
Is passing swift away.
Oh, haste thee, brother, sister,
Advance with loving speed,
Put forth thy best endeavor,
To meet great China's need.

—Pentecostal Holiness Advocate.

"A gentleman took a trip to Europe. When the fact that he was to go abroad became known among his friends, they came to see him in great numbers, each one with a commission for him to execute. A lady wanted him to buy her a real Paris bonnet; an scientific friend wanted a microscope, and so on with all who came to see him. When they had gone away, he looked over the list and found, to his dismay, that if he made all these purchases, he would have no money with which to meet the expense of the trip. Of all the number, only one had brought the money with which to purchase what he wanted.

"When the man returned, his friends gathered round him eager to see what he had brought back. To their surprise, they

found that he had made but one of the purchases he had been asked to make.

"One day, as I sat upon the deck, looking over your list, a breeze came and blew them all away except this one," he explained.

"But how could that be?" some one questioned.

"Ah!" was the reply, 'his order was weighted down. It had the silver wrapped up in it.'

"Do you see the point? Real, prevailing prayer must have your very best offering of self and substance wrapped up in it. When you pray for the relief of the poor, is your prayer anything more than words? When you somewhat peremptorily instruct the Lord to convert the heathen, is there any silver wrapped up in your prayer?"—Sel.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

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VICTORY IS CERTAIN FOR GOD AND HIS CHURCH

Tsinanfu, Shantung, China.
March 8, 1923.

Precious Sister and Brother French:

May God bless you and cause His face to shine upon you continually. Your precious letter was received some days ago and I waited until the offering came through to answer as I knew you would want to know when we received it. The fifty dollars has come for which we thank and praise God and may He in a special way reward the givers.

Yes, dear sister, we have been going through some awful times out here, but, praise God, the saints are coming to our help and the day is breaking. O if every one felt a real interest and would help only a little, we could clear up all the indebtedness on the country stations and there would also be plenty to send the waiting missionaries on out so they can get to work as the harvest is truly ripe. The heathen have waited so long, and shall they continue to die in their sin and darkness because we back at home have shouted and enjoyed our experience so long, forgetting those who have never heard? God forbid. I know the saints are waking up and that victory is sure and certain for God and His Church out here in China, but sister, can't you decide on some plan to stir the churches who have not been stirred to do their part, too? We were indeed surprised to get such a big amount from Miami, truly it far exceeds anything we have had thought about coming from there. I had in mind that there was only a handful of saints there, but it is often the "few" and the "poor" who move things.

When I was in Florida last summer I wanted to come to Miami. I especially wanted to visit that colored church there (God gave me such a love for the colored people when I got saved) and tell them about China. Somehow I coveted an offering from them for the work over here as I thought it would so move the Chinese to hear about the Colored people giving toward their salvation. God may use you among them. I feel they would be interested in something special, as the following:

There is a city where we have made previous efforts to open work and have some seats and other furnishings there but we must rent a place of worship (or could use a tent there during the warm weather if we had one) and place a native worker there. There will be various expenses attached to this place and as it is on a railroad some one can go from our headquarters, Tsinanfu, once every month for a few days to help and encourage the native worker for a few days, and when we get plenty of missionaries from home some would like to settle there I am sure. But what I was going to say, I have been thinking that the Colored people would like to take up that work, and support it. About \$18.00 per month will open it and run it at the present and it could be considered purely their work in the Church out here. Poashan is the name of the place. The Church of God at Poashan, Shantung, China. Doesn't that sound good? As it now stands I

don't know when the work there can be opened as it will take all that comes to save the work at Hsuei Pei and Changli and keep the work in Tsinanfu going. Then there are new missionaries to be sent out, besides taking care of those already on the field, so as you see we can hardly touch it looking at it in the natural. But I thought that if it were put to the dear Colored people in such a way they would love to do this special work. There has been so many prayers prayed for that place and efforts put forth until there will be a harvest of souls from the beginning I truly believe.

You asked if we were going to put up any buildings. Our oldest and largest work is in the country, twenty miles from the railroad. There are two churches out there and God has greatly blessed in both those places. We bought the property at both places but it needed repairs. Then of course Chinese dwellings are not made suitable for churches, so the Chinese felt the buildings in too bad condition to fix over and wanted to go ahead and tear down and build new ones. I told them not to as we had no money to do it with and I had no leading or faith for it, but they felt they had, so I took my hands off and let them do as they felt led and the result was that they got in debt several hundred dollars. I have written about it in the paper several times, besides telling the saints about it in person when I was at home but we have never had any money given us to amount to anything toward lifting the obligation. The debt has now increased to eleven or twelve hundred dollars as the interest out here is very heavy. I wrote Brother Llewellyn to try and borrow it in America to pay off out here and put the debt in America where the interest is cheaper and pay it off by degrees out of the Foreign Missionary offerings. I am sure he will do what he can as he has a missionary heart and is stirring up interest through the paper.

The buildings are very nice and well worth what they cost and if we missionaries had had to go ahead and do it all and pay for the materials and the Chinese direct we doubtless would have had to pay much more besides the trouble. Not only are the buildings worth saving, but it is such a good district to work in, that is such a needy one, as it is right out in the midst of the blackest of heathenism, where foot binding and all kinds of heathen practices go on continually. It is at this place where most of the Christians are. The property of course will be registered in the American Consulate here in the name and for the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

We have great hopes and ambitions for the work over here and talk and pray very much about it. Surely God's Church is going to rise and shine out here in China, too. We are paying a tremendous rent in Tsinanfu, not too much according to rents, but rents are so high we would pay for a place in a year and a half. Now we do want to use very carefully the money which the saints send out here and it is unreasonable, or bad business policy I should say, to rent when we would soon pay out

enough rent to buy the place. Therefore, if each saint would do his part every Foreign Mission day it would work no hardship on any one and all these things I have mentioned could be easily done. I insisted in an article last summer that every member give twenty-five cents on Foreign Mission day, and as we have more than twenty thousand members it would amount to more than five thousand dollars for one Mission Sunday. Of course, there would be some who perhaps could not do that as often there are several children in the family who belong to the Church and perhaps that family in hard circumstances, so it would be necessary for some to give liberally to make up for them. Then I find that there are so many pastors who never take up a collection for Foreign Missions at all, so those that do will certainly have to give very liberally to make up for their brothers and sisters who manifest so little interest in the heathen.

So now, sister, if you can do something toward getting every church in Florida, (if you don't feel you can influence those in other states further away) to remember the heathen on Foreign Mission day I am sure that you will reap a great reward.

Many have said out here that the Church of God was not going to do anything for Foreign Missions and have just waited to see us breathe our last, as it were, but praise God, they are beginning to open their eyes and I am sure very soon that they will all look in wonder and amazement and feel constrained to say, "Behold, hath God wrought!"

Well, dear sister, I am sure I have said enough for you to understand my idea and the present urgent needs over here and how easily it can all and even more be accomplished if we all pull together and work with an eye single to the glory of God and His Church.

I must now close. With a heart full of love to you and all the dear saints. Your little sister in His glad service,

Jennie B. Rushin.

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A word to our Spanish members and friends, we are printing some new tracts in Spanish and have some others on hand. A list of which we will give below:

- 1 EL HA DERRAMADO ESTO-QUE A HORA VEIS Y OIS He has shed forth this.
- 2 TOM GALSÓN, Y SU NIÑA Tom Galsón and His Little Girl
- 3 LA DOCTRINA QUE SOSTENE The Doctrine that Holds
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- 6 NO PODRIMOS SABER We Would Not Know
- 7 EL HIJO ATEISTA The Infidel Son
- 8 LAS SEÑALES QUE SIGUEN The Signs that Follow
- 9 EL TULLIDO TOMAS Cripple Tom
- 10 BUENAS NUEVAS PARA LOS ENFERMOS Good News for the Sick
- 11 ¿CUANTAS IGLESIAS RECONOCE LA BIBLIA Y CUALES SON SUS NOMBRES? How Many Churches?
- 12 EL PROQUE YO SOY UN MIEMBRO

Do We Take It To Heart?

I am wondering if the Church of God has the Bible School at heart as we should. Are we interested about the future success of the Church? Do we want all her members to dwell in harmony as to her teaching, and her ministers to preach the same thing?

Well, I know of no better way to bring this about than to get it instilled into the preachers from one center, the Bible Training School.

Now, I would just like to drop a hint that this is not my school, but the Church of God Bible School. It was launched and approved by the Church, and the Church should not forget that she is responsible for its continued existence and success.

While it isn't supposed to be on the superintendent alone to finance the school, he has had to be under a great strain to do so. Our school building is in great need of repairing, but especially one thing is in great need.

Dining Room

Our present dining room arrangement is too hampered. It just looks like we will be forced to build a kitchen and dining room. Now I am not able financially to build this, but I can take the lead in the construction at your orders.

Now, I am not writing to make any undue hardships on any member or church, but doubtless the Lord has some faithful servant somewhere who would delight to put some money into this dining room, knowing that it would be the means of taking care of more in the school. Then too, just a little collection from the different churches would do this.

If there is a church or individual that is interested in the success of the Bible School I would be glad to hear from you.

I Want to Go

There is some one in most every church that has made the above expression as concerning the Bible School. They feel the call to the work, but feel their inability for the task and give down and perhaps backslide and go to torment themselves as well as lead others with them, all because they did not enter the work; they did not enter the work because they knew not the work and for the lack of training. Now I am sure I can point to some cases as this.

Oh, what a great opportunity for work! You who can't possibly go to school, but feel it burning in your bones, could send a substitute. Can't you think of some talented young boy or girl that you could spend five dollars a week on for a while in order that they may be prepared to do efficient work for the cause, perhaps in your stead?

If the churches would take this up as two have already done, our roll of students would increase.

With these few lines of hints to the wise and noble, I will close leaving it for the Spirit of God to do the rest.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A convention will be held for the Church of God, at E. Chattanooga, Tenn., beginning May 11, 1923 at 7:00 P. M. and continuing over Sunday the 13th D. V. We are expecting a good time. We have out a nice little program which may be obtained from the pastor, Brother J. P. Hughes, E. Chattanooga, Tenn. There are several interesting subjects on the program which will be handled by able speakers. We want to insist that every church that possibly can be represented in this convention.

Each church that is represented will be expected to have a part in the exercises. We want to insist that every one that possibly can, attend this convention, especially on Sunday, May 13. If you can't be there all of the time be sure to be there on Sunday. Come expecting the presence of the Lord. Following the convention Brother F. J. Lee will preach a series of sermons on the prophecy of Revelation, using his chart.

M. W. Letsinger

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THE MACEDONIAN CRY

J. B. Ellis

Come over and help us. Acts 16:9.

Today while you and I are enjoying the blessed privilege of living where we can hear the Gospel preached every Sunday and engaging in the other services which is a source of very great blessing to us thousands and hundreds of thousands, yea, millions are groping their way in midnight darkness with no knowledge of God and His salvation and plodding their way through this world which has nothing to offer them but misery and disappointment. On they go to an eternity of darkness where there is only weeping and gnashing of teeth. Every day thousands of these poor wretched unfortunate souls are plunging into eternity without a knowledge of God's grace to save, leaving their last ray of hope behind them.

There is Africa with its thousands of benighted souls lifting up their long black arms and bony fingers to us. I hear a piteous cry. I listen and, lo, it is a cry for help. Come over in Africa and help us. We have men who are ready to go and the only reason they are not there is because we have no means to send them. Where is the responsibility? Will you answer?

From Africa I turn my eyes to India's coral strand and what do I see? Millions of deluded souls bowing down to stocks and stones. Listening I hear a great noise as of the voice of many waters. They are crying for help from their gods who cannot do them any good. Who is responsible for this? Their hearts are open to the truth. Millions of them would bow the knee to the God of heaven if they only knew of Him. We have men who would gladly go. The door is open and the call is urgent. The cost of delay is being paid in human souls. Thousands are going down while we stand by and look on. Again I ask where is the responsibility? The door is wide open and many feel the call. Answer please.

From India I turn my eyes to China. I see a little woman with her husband who a few years ago heard the Macedonian cry from poor old blind China, "Come over and help us." They took as it were their lives in their hand and answered the call. God has been with them and is still with them blessing their labors but oh, the suffering, the sacrificing, the mental agony and travail of soul they have endured as they have watched the little missions struggling for existence. Thank God for Sister Rushin and her band of faithful workers. Just yesterday a cablegram came from her that to save the work she would be compelled to have financial help at once. Brother Llewellyn wired the money and I suppose he is happy today. Whether he had it in the treasury or whether he borrowed it at the bank I do not know.

If it were borrowed it will have to be replaced. Remember this next Foreign Mission day and swell the offering.

We must not let that work go down for want of means. There has been too much praying and sacrificing on the part of this faithful band to think of letting it go. O the teeming millions who inhabit this dark continent who know nothing of our blessed gospel. Thousands are dying without God and going out into eternity to plow the fiery billows of hell who might have gone to glory had they only heard of Christ "How can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Once more we say the door is open and the call for help is ringing in our ears. We have plenty who feel the call to go but there are no means to send them. O laymen of the church, where is the responsibility resting? Answer please. It is time we were getting down to business. We have shouted and told everybody we would not accept the world in exchange for our hope of heaven when maybe we have never given a five cent piece to let our neighbors know about it. If it is of such worth to you, why are you so unconcerned about your brother who has not had the privilege of knowing anything of these glorious experiences you profess? Such declarations are becoming like sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. Let us move up on the line of missions and let the world know of this great salvation. Soon it will be too late for us to redeem ourselves. I fear God is already frowning on us for our negligence. May God bless and help each one to rally to this good work and send missionaries into every place where they are needed. Our missionaries and native workers are in need and their piteous cries touch my heart.

I just received a personal letter from a dear native worker in Jamaica, stating that he was in need of something to wear and appealed to me for help. I will give an extract from his letter just as he wrote it to me, "I am very poor and in need of a little cloth. So my spirit direct you to me, sir. It didn't direct me to nobody in this island but to you, sir. Because He said, 'Give your alms in secret and He will reward openly. Dear brother, I am praying for you all and we are getting on fine.' My financial burdens are heavy but I will have to do something for this brother. I suppose he is a native worker. If any one wants to help me, send it to headquarters as foreign mission money stating what it is for. I wish we could get him a suit of clothes. He is saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belongs to the Church of God."

As I think of this big world of ours with its teeming millions of people and how few of them have any knowledge of God it stirs my very soul. I once had a vision of the millions of earth. They seemed to be gathered in a great field and were busily engaged in the pursuits of life. Some were farming some manufacturing and some were in the mercantile business, in fact, I saw them in every avocation of life. Some were engaged in things I had never seen in my life. They were of various colors, customs and habits. They were all moving in the same direction which appeared to be a sloping decline which grew steeper as they moved along. Finally I saw them as they became frightened over their condition and tried to check themselves but the decline became so steep that they were unable to stop. A little farther down I saw an awful precipice. Peeping over I saw in the dark chasm, liquid fire as it flashed from between the mighty columns of smoke, which was rising like a furious cloud toward the open heavens. As the liquid mass boiled in its fury I could see the forms of human beings as they would be thrown to the surface by the movement of the veritable lake of fire. From their nostrils, mouth, eyes, and ears were flowing streams of fire and oh! such torture, such crying such groaning and wailing as came from these poor victims as their voices were mixed with the roaring of the smeltering mass. I'll never forget it. I saw this great mass of humanity as it was irresistible swept on and on until they reached the brink of the precipice where they were going overboard much faster than I could count them. Sometimes there would be only one or two at a time then there would be hundreds go over together. As they approached the place they would blair their eyes, clench their fists, gnaw their tongues and gnash their teeth as in a fit of anger. As they went over they would give a long wail of Lost! Lost! Lost!!!

I was just beginning my ministry and was in a Bible Training school preparing myself. I thought the vision meant a call to the foreign field. I told my wife and children about it and we prayed through and all became reconciled to what seemed to be the will of the Lord. But the Lord seemed only to want to intensify my zeal in the ministry. So I gave myself wholly into the hands of the Lord and have been ready to go or stay. This vision inspires me when in active service and makes me uneasy when I am not actively engaged in the ministry of serving God and humanity. I can shut my eyes any time and see that awful stream of humanity plunging off into hell.

Brother, we may all have a part in rescuing precious souls from the everlasting burning. If you can't go you can send. By so doing you will be rewarded alongside with the one who goes. Let us pull up on the line of missions. While we are delaying, thousands are plunging off into hell. Get their blood off your soul by sacrificing a little for the missionary cause. Hoard up your wealth here and it will eat on your soul as doth a canker in yonder world; invest it in spreading the gospel here and find it in the form of treasures in the day of rewards.

God bless you. Let every pastor remember Foreign Mission Sunday. The Evangel will tell you the Missionary days. You can send contributions any time to headquarters and receive credit for same. Let us all pull together in these awful days and make things go for God.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Sunday, June the 10th
Let Every Sunday School
Prepare for a Great Day

Educational Department

F. J. LEE, Superintendent.

GO OVER

The above caption might apply to many thoughts. A common phrase coined in war times is "go over the top." We say some times, "go over the mountain of difficulty." The children of Israel went over the sea unto greater privileges than ever before. Paul had a call to go over to Macedonia to help them. Now we have a call to go over the sea to help in the great missionary cause.

There are many ways that we can go over. We may go over personally, and by our prayers and our money. While some are going over in different ways, thousands are closing their ears to the call.

Sister Rushin was here last summer trying to get people to go over. Some responded personally. Others have responded financially, but as Paul mentions, people should have their pure minds stirred up along some lines, and especially do they have to be stirred up on Foreign Mission lines for it is so easy to fall down under the old saying, "We four and no more." Now I want to lift my mind away from "we four" and sail over to China for a little time. Of course we could stop and see some other countries, but we have become more interested in China since we met our Church of God missionary, Sister Rushin, and also became personally acquainted with her helper, Miss Ina Yingst, who went over afterwards.

To Those In Darkness

It is said that the earth rotates upon its axis and makes a revolution in twenty-four hours. The sun on account of it being stationary only shines upon one side of the earth at the same time, thus, while we are up and doing today the people in China are sleeping because it is night.

I have only mentioned this because the thought came to me of the total darkness that the Chinese are under, and they are asleep to their better interests. They, as a whole do not realize the awfulness of the great judgment that is rolling on toward them. The devil has them chloroformed, and it is very hard to awaken them.

They are a people wholly given over to foreign religions. I say foreign because only a very few have ever accepted the true Christian religion. In many places they are so absorbed in idol worship that the idol actually manifests signs of life, even talking back to those who bow before them. It isn't any wonder that those, totally ignorant of Christ will submit, and become more and more entwined with this infernal worship, for infernal it is. Of course those idols talking is nothing more than demons deluding the poor ignorant class.

They are addicted to the opiate habit. This also is lowering and degrading and weakening the nation. They do not realize that the opium is paving the way for a demon to take hold of them and forever blight their lives.

I shouldn't wonder that the Chinese know more about the devil than any other people on earth. The millions who have become addicted to the opiate, actually come in direct contact with demons. They see them, they talk to them and even court their favor.

The Republic

The Republic of China has an area of about 1,537,590 square miles, but in this space 400,000,000 people are crowded. It isn't any wonder that thousands of men, women and children are roaming the country with no place that they may call home. Missionaries tell us of the many children roaming the streets and sleeping of nights in back alleys, in dry goods boxes, and picking up any thing they may find to eat, even from the garbage can, in order to subsist.

China is said to be the oldest of the nations, their own books date back to 2,375 years before Christ. They should have been far in advance of other nations in civilization and science and true religion, but the devil has laid his slimy, black hands on them and they are handicapped. As this is the case with individuals so it is with nations. This terrible opiate demon that has gotten hold of them, has stupefied them, overpowered their will-power and has them on the downward grade.

Nothing But Jesus Can Rescue Them
Can carnal wars rescue them? No, the spirit of war being instilled in them, and they beginning to rank with the nations in preparedness is making them two-fold more yielded to the clutches of Satan.

It is said that the first firearms were invented in this place. This only makes me feel the more that this is the very seat of Satan. But there is hope for many in China. Did not Jesus cross the waters into Gadara and deliver that man who was an out cast, inhabiting the tombs, whom the demons had fully under their control, and whose will-power was entirely overcome and was utterly helpless? Yes, when Jesus came upon the scene the devils which were many were cast out and the man was soon clothed in his right mind.

Whose boat was it that carried Jesus across the sea? Doubtless it belonged to some of His disciples. They became alarmed when the boat became hard to manage in the storm and they gave Him a mild rebuke because He was manifesting no in-

terest in their safety during the storm.

Now it seems clear to my mind that this was only a fishing boat, belonging to some of His disciples and several were on board. They were taking Jesus across the angry waters that He might be a blessing to the devil ridden people on the other side.

Jesus knows that the people of China are driven captive by the devil at his own will. And He is anxious to go to China to help those buffeted people. "I'm not hindering Him" you say. Yes, we are all hindering in a way. Jesus can't work through trees, stones, rivers, birds, etc. It is true one may see God in and back of these things after He has begun to be illuminated, but God has chosen human beings to carry this light. So as only the disciples were at first prominent on the boat and Jesus hid away and sleeping so Jesus is in our lives and if we ever get Jesus to those people we must take Him in our own life. The natives will not see Him personally but only in the lives of godly missionaries.

What did it take to get Jesus over to the man at the tombs? It took some one to furnish the money to make the boat. It took knowledge to manage the boat, and to land it at the right place. It took saying "Goodbye to families" and it took money to furnish their provisions on the way and while there. This is a minute picture of what it takes to get Jesus to the foreign fields.

Here is another thought. There wasn't just one man alone that was interested in landing Jesus at Gadara, but there were several who accompanied Him. I couldn't think that one man furnished the food for that crowd. Not one man alone furnished the energy to man that boat to its destiny, but all were greatly interested. He, doubtless, knew what He would do on arriving at Gadara, just as He knew what He would do when He should meet up with the blind Bartimaeus. But it was their business to land Him on the other side.

Who Will Make It Possible for Him to Go?

Jesus wants to go to China as well as other lands, but who will furnish the will-power and say, "I will go along to see that He arrives there." "I will say goodbye to America, relatives, home and friends." "I will furnish the money for provisions while crossing the troubled sea, also while He wants to remain and I am able to do so." "I will work faithfully to bring Jesus into the lives of that cast-off, devil-ridden people whom Jesus died for the same as for us." Shall we shut up the truth in our hearts or shall we become more liberal to others of God's creation and hope to take them to heaven also?

In that great populous only a little sprinkling of a handful from the Church of God are seeking to get Jesus as He really is to them, Jesus in sin-killing power, power to heal their sick, cast out devils, and completely transforming and clothing them in their right mind.

Sister Rushin and co-workers are doing their best to land Jesus in many places in China, but her courage almost fails sometimes for the lack of money to buy provisions, and other general needs of the work.

A cablegram has just arrived stating the critical condition of the missionaries. Will we let them suffer, or will we sacrifice to help them in this special time of need? What we do must "do quickly" as Jesus said to Judas, but that which we shall do quickly will not be to betray Jesus in this special case.

REQUESTS

Pearl Hutchinson, desires all the saints to pray that God will open a way for her to go to church.

O. L. Cardell, Gash Creek, N. C., asks prayer that he will be healed, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Hattie Johnson, Eden, Md., desires prayer for her backslidden sister to come back to God and that she will stand true to Him.

Mrs. Beattie Cockerell, Shaw, Miss., requests the saints to pray for the healing of three of her little girls who have chills and that she will raise all her children right. Also pray that her loved ones may be saved.

Mrs. S. W. Hutsell Crossville, Tenn., asks prayer that God will in some way turn her husband from his wicked ways and that they will raise their children to be true servants of the King.

Mrs. Lucy Barron, Saultillo, Texas, requests prayer for herself and family and especially for her son who once had the blessing and was called into the ministry. He is hungry to get back to God.

Carrie G. Whittington, McComb City, Miss., requests prayer that she may receive more power. Also pray for her mother and for the salvation of that community and that the people will see the light on the Church of God.

NOTICES

Anyone wanting a meeting held in July or August, write
H. L. Gillett,
c/o Evangel Office,
Cleveland, Tenn.

A meeting will begin at Morgantown, W. Va., the second Sunday in May and we would like to have some one to play the piano for us. We are looking for our state overseer to be with us. If there is any one close write

W. S. Smith,
Morgantown, W. Va.

To the Sobel District:

Our district convention will convene at White Oak Flat, Tenn., May 19 and 20. I want all the ministers, deacons and clerks to be present. Don't fail to come and come praying for God's presence to be with us. Our state overseer, M. W. Letsinger, and Brother Geo. T. Brouayer will be with us. C. C. McGowan, district overseer, South Side, Tenn.

The date first mentioned for the Wimauma camp meeting was June 14-24 but the rainy season starts in June. Therefore, it has been decided that it would be best to have it a little earlier. So the Wimauma camp meeting will be from May 24 to June 3, D. V. Everybody come praying and expecting great victory. John L. Stephens, overseer of Fla. 2803-18th Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Our state camp meeting for the colored work will be held with the Wimauma Church of God beginning May 15 and continuing until the 29th. Let as many as want to be healed, saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost come and be blessed from the presence of the Lord. Also let the workers in and out of the state come and help in this great meeting. We are expecting to have a large tent. We are praying for a great revival. Pray with us to that end.

Thos. J. Richardson, overseer of the colored work, Miami, Fla.

I would like to have an Open Air organ. I prefer a five octave, double reeded and pipe tone. A second hand one will do if it is in good condition.

I would appreciate any one looking around to help secure this organ as it is for a widow lady who has two little girls who are gifted in music and singing. They all have the Holy Ghost and the Lord has used the lady in preaching and if they could get an organ they would be a blessing in the Lord's kingdom in the evangelistic work.

Sincerely yours,
C. G. Hunter,
Estill, S. C.

To the Churches of God in Missouri:

The second annual district conference for the Churches of God in northeast Missouri will be held at Fredericktown, Mo., from May 24-27. (Thursday to Sunday.) We are expecting this to be the best conference we have ever had in Missouri. A goodly number of preachers and also others have already signified their intention to be present with us. We are also expecting every preacher in the district to make a special effort to attend and also every church to be represented.

On Sunday, May 27, we will have a special program for the Sunday schools throughout the district and we expect every Sunday school to participate in the program. On Sunday night we will dedicate the new church building. Brother E. L. Pinkley, the former state overseer, will preach the dedication sermon. Free entertainment will be provided by the saints for all who will come.

Let us all put forth a special effort to be present at this conference and show the people at Fredericktown that we are a progressive people and that we do love the great Church of God with all our hearts. May God bless you all real good and may we all meet at this conference with that divine love in our hearts for one another and show to the world that we, as members of the Church of God, have more love for one another than any other class of people in the world. Hoping to meet every one of you there.

I am your servant in Jesus,
J. M. Viney, state overseer,
Cantwell, Mo.

Foreign Mission Receipts

Church, Briggs Chapel, Tenn.	\$ 1 05
" Liverwort, Tenn.	46
C. G. Hunter, Estill, S. C.	4 00
Abbie Cress, Abilene, Kans.	5 00
Church, Lawton, Okla.	1 00
" Wake Forest, N. C.	2 70
" Wimauma, Fla.	3 06
J. H. Curry, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	1 50
Church, Rock Hill, Fla.	1 00
" Circleville, Ohio.	50
" Clearfork, Va.	2 16
" Danville, Va.	3 16
" Dillion, S. C.	40
Lina Bolt, Springfield, Ala.	80
Church, Hazlehurst, Ga.	7 09
G. B. Langford, Lake Wales, Fla.	1 75
C. G. Hunter, Estill, S. C.	16 60
Church, Eldorado, Ill.	5 04
" Okeechobee, Fla.	25 00
" Ages, Ky.	30
" La Belle, Fla.	4 15
" Kimberly, Ala.	50
" Berryton, Ga.	50
" Sale Creek, Tenn.	43
" Ware Shoals, S. C.	75
" Gastonia, N. C.	5 00
" Quicksand, Ky.	4 30
" Branford, Fla.	2 35

" Honea Path, S. C.	80
" Cagles Cross Roads, Miss.	1 54
" Pittsburg, Kans.	1 10
" Chapel Hill, Miss.	77
" Moorman, Ky.	1 81
S. S. Altavista, Va.	2 49
W. Whidden, Palmdale, Fla.	3 00
Church, Fitzgerald, Ga.	6 07
" Huntington, W. Va.	5 00
" Stithon, Ky.	38
" Rock Hill, S. C.	4 00
" Morgantown, Miss.	2 30
" Greenville, S. C.	6 69
" Omaha, Ark.	1 70

Dora Funderburk, Red Bay, Ala.	50
Mrs. Wyley Arnold, Water Valley, Miss.	50
Church, Largo, Fla.	11 31
" Canton, Ohio.	4 36
" Joplin, Mo.	55
Stella Miller, W. Ashville, N. C.	5 00
Church, W. Palm Beach, Fla.	1 00
" Pratt City, Ala.	2 58
" Brighton, Mo.	1 10
" Baldwin Park, Cal.	4 50
" Princeton, W. Va.	2 12
" Trafford, Ala.	1 91
" Cantwell, Mo.	2 54
" Dorothy, W. Va.	1 00
Ida Roberson, Odum, Ga.	1 00
Church, Oak Grove, Mo.	2 51
H. L. Trim, Coeburn, Va.	4 30
Church, Miami, Fla.	2 24
" Perry, Fla.	1 00
" Lando, S. C.	2 85
" Centers Chapel, Ga.	9 30
" Carbon Hill, Ala.	1 06
" Cullowhee, N. C.	35
" Alachua, Fla.	75

C. M. Brown, Everglade, Fla.	5 00
Church, Colcord, W. Va.	60
" Logan, W. Va.	4 30
" Zoilo, Fla.	3 00
" Anniston, Ala.	80
Ruby Willie, Onville, La.	1 00
Cab Compton, Leatherwood, Va.	25
Callie Lowery, Thomasville, Ala.	50
Church, Morganfield, Ky.	1 05
E. D. Johnson, Port Huron, Mich.	2 00
Church, Antioch, Ala.	50
" Carmi, Ill.	2 05
" Walhalla, S. C.	2 00
" Christopher, Ky.	1 70
" Pates Temple, Miss.	60
" Golden Valley, N. D.	1 71
" Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	3 00
" Toledo, Ohio.	2 86
" Mt. Zion, Ala.	55
" Kannapolis, N. C.	4 00
" Honey Comb, Ill.	2 25
Ollie Jones, Smithville, Tenn.	10
John Cannady, Raeford, N. C.	1 75
Church, Ft. Myers, Fla.	2 98
" Plainview, Tex.	1 00

Cordella Wadell, Sturgis, Ky.	1 05
Florence Church, Dorrisville, Ill.	1 50
H. H. Mayes, Fork Ridge, Tenn.	2 50
Church, McCall, S. C.	2 63
" Whigham, Ga.	37
" Broad Creek, N. C.	1 00
B. S. Taylor, Morehead, N. C.	3 00
Church, Walbridge, Ohio.	1 11
" Dunn, La.	2 15
C. G. Hunter, Estill, S. C.	2 50
Church, Louisville, Ky.	2 05
Mary Powattian, Philadelphia, Pa.	7 00

Lavaun Mooneyham, Thorn, Miss.	94
Church, Selma, N. C.	1 00
J. M. Mullen, Lewisburg, N. C.	3 80
Fleety Crews, Lebanon, N. C.	60
Church, Morgan City, La.	3 50
Plano Community, Wimauma, Fla.	3 55
C. G. Hunter, Estill, S. C.	6 00
Church, Fosters Chapel, Ala.	1 00
" New Bethel, Miss.	50

Ella Peck, Imboden, Ark.	1 35
Church, Sunburst, N. C.	2 75
" Short Mountain, Tenn.	70
S. S. Manor, Ga.	1 30
Orie Dennis, Augusta, Ga.	9 97
Church, Cedar Grove, W. Va.	2 57
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HAPPY IN THE PRISON

Well, I'm happy in the prison,
Yes, I am happy every where;
In my heart my Savior is risen,
Of ten thousand He's the most fair.

CHORUS

Oh, glory, glory, hallelujah,
Soon I lay my burden down;
Oh, glory, glory, hallelujah,
For the cross received a crown.

Pentecostal rain is falling,
And His coming draweth nigh;
I can hear my Savior calling,
Come and help them ere they die.

Thousands led by blinded leaders,
Never felt the touch of power;
And they look to these as feeders,
Yes, He told us of this hour.

When the food is low and falling,
And the children bare of clothes;
I look up to my Father,
For I know my Father knows.

All diseases He is healing,
Will you come to Him for cure?
Oh, it is a joyful feeling
When you know your heart is pure.

In the Holy Ghost and fire
Has the Savior led you out?
Has your heart been lifted higher
By the sanctifying route?

Yes, my soul is filled with glory
And I magnify His name;
I will ever tell the story
How the Holy Spirit came.

Sent in by R. R. Earp,
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We have in stock the 1923 edition of the Christian Life Calendar. Every month shows a beautiful Bible colored picture, and it gives a Scripture verse for every day. They are much nicer to have hanging on the wall than calendars that advertise medicine and other things inappropriate for a Christian home. Price 30¢ each. Special price on quantities.

A SAVIOR FOR ALL THE WORLD

E. J. Boehmer

The last solemn charge that Christ gave to the ministry before He left the world was the following: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This commission applies to all the ministry and to the Church of God as a whole.

The spread of the gospel is not to be confined to one country only but it is to all the world. This takes in the learned and the unlearned, the wise and the unwise, "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." The law under the old dispensation was to the Jews only, and it was binding on them only as a nation. The Gentiles had no privilege of the law unless they came as a proselyte among the Jews, but, thank God, this Gospel is for all the nations of the world. It is the only hope for a lost and ruined race, hence, the importance of carrying it to the nations across the waters. It pleased God through the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe. The Gospel carries the tidings of salvation to lost men and women and without it they are lost forever.

All Need Christ

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Since all have sinned, all are lost. We all fell in Adam and we all need a Christ to save us from that fall. This includes the people in this enlightened land and also the race in the benighted heathen world. All have sinned and all need the blood. There is one hope for all and, thank God, all have this hope. Jesus tasted death for all hence, the necessity of taking the message to all the world.

The world is on probation, they having transgressed the laws of God and they are lost, and need to be saved. The entire human family is under the law of God and they are conscious of this in their very being and nature. Something tells them there is a God, and they, more or less, feel His displeasure because of sin. See Rom. 1:19, 20.

God Wants All to Be Saved

The Bible declares that God wants all men to be saved. Thank God there is no one left out, they are all His creatures, hence, they are entitled to the salvation bought through Jesus blood. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. God never willed the loss of any. His love reaches all. When He cried it is finished it meant the man in Africa as well as the man in China, and He is now at the right hand of the Father making intercession for the heathen as well as He is for the men and women in America.

Our Need As Christians

We need more of that same love that God had when He gave His Son. He gave the best gift of heaven. Jesus in turn gave Himself that a lost world might be saved. While in this world He proved His love in helping all that came to Him. His love was so great that He underwent all kinds of suffering, to complete the

THIS GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED TO ALL NATIONS

Dear Evangel Readers Everywhere:
I am so glad that Jesus is still keeping my soul free from sin. Hallelujah. Just as God is able to save, sanctify and fill with the Holy Ghost, so He is able to keep the things we commit unto Him.

I'm so thankful that He has power over the little unruly member that none of us are able to tame within ourselves, but by His help, we can. If we commit it to Him, He is able to put a bridle on it and have it speak only the things that please Him. Praise His name. I have been praying for God to bridle my tongue and help me to never speak evil of any one, and I know He is answering prayer, for He is taking the thing away from my heart that makes me want to talk about the faults of others, and has put a spirit in me that makes me want to pray for them. I praise Him because I know He does answer prayer when we ask according to His will and truly we know it is according to His will for us to measure up to His divine word.

Oh, how wonderful it is, that we have the blessed privilege of reading God's Word and, then have the sweet assurance that He will give us grace to live it. But listen, dear friends, there are many precious souls that do not have this sweet privilege. There are souls that Jesus suffered for just as much as He did for us, that are in darkness, and many, perhaps, through our neglect.

As I read the letters from the dear missionaries, who have forsaken all and have gone to the rescue of those precious souls, how they are in need of help to carry on this great work there, it makes me cry out to God for ability to help more.

A few weeks ago while at work, it seemed that a great missionary spirit came on me in such a way, that I could hardly work, or do any thing, but sigh or weep under a great burden for the precious souls that are perishing without God in the heathen lands. Oh, how my heart went out for them, and as I know I can't preach and feel that I could not do anything for them in that way, I could only get relief by thinking that as God

plan of salvation. What LOVE! What LOVE!

I imagine He is looking now to see where He can find a man that will say like Isaiah, "Here am I, Lord send me." This great love is the supreme need in the life of any minister or missionary. Without it one might just as well stay at home. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed (the gospel), shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves (redeemed souls) with him." Beloved, we need to have our hearts tendered so we can do more of this kind of weeping, weeping for precious souls.

Pray and weep for the missionaries that are making the sacrifice and have crossed the deep blue and are now telling the glad story that will open the eyes of the heathen to see the beauty of the Son of God.

Our Responsibility

All cannot go, and all may not have the call to go, yet this does not relieve us of our responsibility. There is something for us to do. When we get to where God wants us to be we then will feel that we are under obligation to do what we can. Though we may be thousands of miles away from those that are on the battlefield in foreign lands there is a way in which we can be of great help to them.

In no other way we can pray. The man and woman that is giving his life for the sake of the Gospel will find times when they do not know which way to turn nor what to do. Then they need help from God. At a time like this, a prayer sent up to the Father from a heart that has the interest of the missionary at heart will be worth more than diamonds and gold. I am sure they have things to contend with that the people in the homeland do not know anything about. I repeat they need our prayers.

Giving

We are God's stewards. He does not force us to give, yet it is certain that we will have to give an account for every cent we spend. If we give cheerfully there is a blessing coming our way, and if we withhold it it will be to our hurt. The missionaries in the foreign lands have given themselves and it is for us to help them with our means. We not only get blessed in this world for what we may do on that line but it will add stars to our crown. We hope it can be said of us as the woman of old, "she hath done what she could."

The spread of the gospel into all the world hastens the coming of the Lord. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come." The missionaries who are giving their lives for the spread of the gospel are paving the way for this wonderful event. They are rendering a willing service, though connected with some hardships but they are hastening the day when He will come after His own and then He will reward all for their faithful service to Him.

THIS GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED TO ALL NATIONS

was blessing me with strength to work, I could surely do more to help the ones that God had called, than I had been. So I decided that surely I could lay in store, at least fifty cents at the end of each week for missionary work, and count that the Lord's money just the same as the tithes. I have begun and truly, I feel good over it, for I know it's a needy cause and unless we get real in earnest and keep it on our hearts, it is easily neglected.

Oh, the coming of the Lord is drawing nigh, and thousands and thousands of precious souls without God, and without hope in this world. May God help us to be wide awake, do our duty and say, "If I can't help in one way I will another." For God truly will make a way for us to help in some way if we sincerely trust Him.

We want to have enough of the spirit of Christ in us to make any sacrifice He calls on us for, to forward this gospel that He said must be preached to every nation. I am anxious for Jesus to come. I want to behold my Savior's face. And we can surely hasten His coming by doing more for the spreading of this glorious gospel. Pray for me to do my best for God.

A sister in Christ,
Leona Montgomery,
Cleveland, Tenn.

DEMONOLOGY

Is the title of a book written by F. J. Lee.

The writer has made this subject a special study for years, and his knowledge of the Bible and wide experience in healings by the power of God make him thoroughly competent to handle the subject. It will be of special

HELP PUSH THE WORK IN CHINA

Dear Saints of the Church of God—Greetings in Jesus' Name From Far Away China:

We are encouraged. Help us to push the work along. Do not stop short of the final goal of our great commission. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The field is white unto harvest in all parts of the world. Many precious souls are being lost every moment of the time.

Right now our attention is centered on China. The work already established, at so great a sacrifice by our pioneer missionaries, Brother and Sister Rushin, has been all but lost. We are endeavoring to save it before it is too late. If every saint will do as well as some have done, or will do their very best the work will be saved. We are believing God to spare these mission stations.

The Church of God which is at Tsinanfu, Shantung, China in Asia (sounds good, doesn't it?) is the youngest of the work of Brother and Sister Rushin. But this work did not spring up over night, nor was the church set in order after a few days revival. We can't have revivals in China like in America. It takes patient working and praying to win souls where the people are bound by demon powers as they are here. We praise God for the lighthouse in Tsinanfu. It is some day going to outshine everything else in the city.

Our country work at Hsuei-Pei, twenty miles out from the railroad is my special interest. Three miles farther is Jong-Li, also a part of the same work. Brother Ma Hsu Yeh is our pastor at those places. He is a faithful brother and God is blessing his labors.

One day last fall we started for Hsuei-Pei. We, Brother Ma (who came to welcome us and take us back), Sister Rushin, little Deborah, Joel and I left the house in rickshaws with bedding and a suitcase of clothes for the children. We left Tsinanfu about two o'clock and arrived in Tsinanfu about six o'clock. We were met by Chinese Christian friends and took rickshaws across the town to the mission station where Brother and Sister Rushin spent their first days in China. Here we were entertained for the night before continuing our journey into the country. It was real pleasure to see Americans and eat an American meal with them. We ate in the same room where Sister Rushin had her early struggles with the Chinese language. She now speaks the language quite fluently.

At nine o'clock the next morning we got on our wheelbarrow. It was a large double one with a man in front to pull and one behind to push. Our bedding made our otherwise rough seats comfortable. A bamboo mat over our heads protected us from the hot sun. Sister Rushin sat on one side with Deborah and I sat on the other side with Joel. Some bundles of bedding made a support for our backs and we stretched our feet out in front of us.

It seemed quite an undertaking to go on such a trip with those babies but it could not well be otherwise. The dear Christians were expecting us and would have been so disappointed had we failed to have gone. We got along so well with the children, they are real missionary children—prophet Joel and prophetess Deborah.

We crossed thirteen small rivers or sandy river beds all of which are full of water in July. They freeze over in the winter time. We went through many small mid-walled villages which are in need of the gospel. Every five miles the wheelbarrow men stopped to drink tea and refresh themselves. At the first stop they ate breakfast. They had gone that long distance without food. In Shantung the Chinese eat but two meals a day. At the next stop we ate our dinner. To the bread and sandwiches we had we added scrambled eggs, tea, peanuts and some Chinese steam bread (maumans) made of whole wheat flour which we tried to have them hot. This we ate at a real Chinese inn—square tables and benches under a bamboo shelter in front of the open shed like house where the cooking was done and probably where the family lived.

The Chinese came quite close to us. A white baby is a rare thing in those parts and, doubtless, many had never seen one before. The mothers would like to have handled the baby's hands or clothing but the poor souls were so dirty that it would be dangerous for the baby. They would say, "How white she is!"

Here we saw so many little girls with their feet bound. The feet were so small and they walked so pitifully. They knew no better. Poor dear girls. They have no opportunity to go to school. The boys may go but it takes very much to get a girl in school. Usually the only way to get the girls is to have a boarding school and then the parents will not pay anything. But there are some parents that realize the great good the schools are doing for their children and help all they are able. And again many are too poor to do anything and it is a great relief to have one mouth cared for.

We want schools for our girls. When we educate them we can teach

them to unbind their feet. The Christian women unbind their feet but for a long time suffer untold agonies. Their feet are so bound out of their natural shape that there is no natural support for them and when the artificial support is removed the bones fall out of their accustomed places. Those of you who have suffered from broken arches may be able to understand about this condition, although they have never suffered anything compared to what these poor women and girls suffer. I saw a woman's feet which had been unbound for several years. They are somewhat larger than most women's bound feet, but they are not the natural shape. The big toe is straight but the others are all turned underneath and they walk on the knuckles of their toes instead of the bottom as nature intended. How it touched me as I saw them. They bear the weight of their bodies on their heels, which makes their walking quite awkward.

As we neared Hsuei-Pei a few of the Christians came out to meet us. It is Chinese custom for the host to go out to meet important guests who come from a distance. We could see that we were coming to a larger village than the others. At last we crossed the little stone bridge over the moat, through the gate into the village and up the main street. The shops all gave forth an air of antiquity and dreaminess. It was now nearing supper hour. The sun was low in the west behind us.

When more than halfway up this bumpy village street we stopped. This is the Church of God at Hsuei-Pei. There is nothing old about this place but it is modern and quite foreign. They have some fine buildings there, of which we are proud. They are well worth the cost. May God grant that the debt be speedily lifted.

The entrance is quite an imposing structure in the little village built of grey brick, tile roof and double doors. The first door of heavy wood is painted black, the second a combination of four doors, the two in the center opening forming a wider entrance and the others are single entrances. Between these two sets of doors is a little hall like place. To the right as we enter is a door which leads to a room which might be the doorkeeper's room. This window has a screened window facing the street. There is a similar room on the other side with a window. This is the school teacher's room and opens from the schoolroom.

Passing through both doors we came into an open court with fancy designed cobblestone walks and bright flowers in pots very artistically arranged in several places. To our left was the schoolroom, in front the meeting house and to our right the men's room which was given to us during our stay there. There is a smaller room at the farther end of this part of the structure.

Our room was three units long and about one unit wide. This unit is from seven to nine feet long. The little room at the end is a unit room. The schoolroom is a four unit room. At the farther end of the schoolroom the walk goes around the mission room to the back. There is a second entrance on the side. From the arrangement this side is the back of the building, the platform being to the right as we enter. This building is a separate structure and is three units long and more than a unit wide.

As we entered the door of the room we were to occupy we saw the square table and two chairs, one on either side inviting us in true Chinese fashion. In back of the table was a long shelf supported by small high cabinets, one on each end. A washstand was at the right end of the shelf and a bed at each end. A small built in cupboard was over the bed at one end. To the left of the door and next to the bed was a writing desk. There are two windows (foreign windows) with glass in the front and one high one in the back.

I felt so wonderfully at home and stepped outside in time—it seemed like to catch a blessing that was dropping out of the skies just then. That night we had meeting in the little mission room which had been blessed many times by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. On the walls were large Chinese charts and some familiar scenes from the Sunday school lesson charts which came from Cleveland, Tenn. The bamboo mats on the stone floor and the little red benches all looked so clean.

How we were blessed that night. Sister Rushin talked with some boys that night whom she had known for several years and some whom she had helped in some way in time past. They were on their way to get work. She gave them words of encouragement and exhorted them to do the right thing.

The next day we went to Jong Li in our wheelbarrows. Sister Ma went along and she and I took turns in riding. We came to a wide river that we must cross and as there was no other way I waded across. Brother Ma who was walking had to be carried.

Here as in Hsuei-Pei the church property is the best looking in the village. It consists of a school house and teacher's room. The meeting house has a small living room at the end fitted with bed, table and chairs. The cooking is done in a little build-

ing separate from the rest. There were many flowers and a gourd vine formed a shade in front of one of the smaller room doors. There were two large jars of goldfish and in the back was a large garden. It had many lovely vegetables in it.

It was market day when we were in Jong Li and that is always a busy day. We visited the stalls all along the two principle streets.

We met some of the Christians. Brother Chee whom God delivered from opium after he had used it for about twenty-seven years has a prosperous looking home, if we judge as the Chinese do, by the amount of trash around the place. The poor people burn every little stick, straw and leaf for fuel and so keep their yards swept clean with everything used up. But this brother showed his wealth in large cribs of golden grain and many bushels of beans spread out on his threshing floor, besides many yet in stacks. He has his fields but is a gentleman. His long finger nails show that he does not have to work for his living. All his sons and daughters-in-law with the grandchildren live on the home place.

We left Jong Li late in the afternoon and it was dusk when we reached home. Hsuei-Pei is my home. The next day was Sunday with all its meetings and blessings. The little school boys marched in and took their places. How good to see their shining faces.

It was a wonderful service that day. Christians had come for miles around to welcome their beloved missionary back to China. Oh, how happy they were to see her. She told them all about her trip home and how she traveled over the states trying to cover as much ground as possible. She was so encouraged and told them of all she felt the Church was going to do.

Do you know that while you have been safe at home shouting the victory in your own souls, your own missionaries have been so pressed that at times they could not shout, only cry and pray and pray and cry? The enemy has been pressing in on us and attacking on every side, while you at home sat quietly by, dreaming of heaven, perhaps (?)

God is going to have His purpose accomplished. He is not going to forsake the Church of God for she was purchased by the blood of the Lamb for sinners slain and is built on the rock against which the gates of hell can never prevail. She is His own creation but each soul which does not measure up He puts out and raises up others to fill his place.

We have been holding on all these long months because we have faith in God and His Church. We want to do great things but how can we looking at conditions in the natural?

Saints, send out the waiting missionaries with a good support for each and for the opening of new mission stations with proper homes for the missionaries and for schools. We have two primary schools now but when our children finish them they have to go to the Baptist school. Then, too, our native workers must be trained. We need a language school for our missionaries. The language schools at Peking and Nanking turn out folks who deny the inspiration of the Scriptures, the atoning blood of Jesus, the personality and work of the Holy Ghost and all kindred truths.

Shall we let these people rule the educational and religious life of the Chinese people? No, a thousand times, no. We must arise and save this people out of this dark land for the full gospel of everlasting truth. May the Lord bless you all.

Yours burdened for a lost world,
Ina L. Yingst,
Tsinanfu, Shantung, China.

PRIVATE INTERPRETATION

John Attey

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despite government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." 2 Pet. 2:9-10.

The above Scripture is soothing to the mind and soul of the obedient child of God, but is irritating to a disobedient; nevertheless, it is the Word of God. One of the greatest temptations to the average minister today is that after he has sacrificed his time and his talent and spent restless nights and worked hard for the benefit of the people and for their good, and then for a band to rise up and say, "I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO ANY MAN, THE HOLY GHOST IS MY TEACHER." It is true that the Holy Ghost is our teacher but God uses human instrumentality to speak through. About then if the preacher hasn't got grace in his life and love in his heart and the power of God with him he is liable to do what Moses did. After he had received the law from God and was returning from the mountain top he heard the shouts of the people and saw them worshiping the calf and he dropped the stones and broke the law. You will find an account of this recorded in Ex. 32:18, 19. Today since there is so much rebellion and formalism and fanaticism, if the minister doesn't stand on his face before God most of the time he is liable to lay down the law (which is God's Word), and give it up as a bad job and declare that

there is no use. But it is expected that ministers or dignities should have power and grace enough to encounter and overcome such temptations, knowing that the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished.

Presumptuousness and rebellion seems to be at its highest pitch today, but this is only a sign that we are in the last days, as is recorded in 2 Tim. 3:1-4, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." The Scriptures are the Word of God. But if they are wrongly interpreted they cease to be the Word of God and become the word of man.

To prove this let us notice Matt. 4:6, "And saith unto him, If thou be the son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up; lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. We notice here that the devil was quoting Scriptures to Jesus, but was placing the wrong interpretation upon them. Once there was a lady that had an affliction which was of a nature that the physician thought best to operate, but she objected. She was asked to give her reason for not wanting the operation performed. Her reply was, "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder." Perhaps she meant well but placed the wrong meaning on the Scripture.

If Jesus had obeyed Satan the great plan of salvation would have been destroyed. Many quote Scriptures but only those that have been moved upon by the Holy Ghost, and called of God and sent by the Church have a right to interpret them. As Jesus and the plan of salvation would have been destroyed if Jesus had been governed by the Scriptures as Satan interpreted them just so are hundreds of precious souls being destroyed today as they are being governed by would be preachers, who feed themselves and feed not the flock and devour the lambs and kill the sheep. In pretense they claim to be servants of God and tell the people that there is no visible church but that it is spiritual, and that there is no such thing as dignities. My God help such men and women for they have never been called of God, or sent by the Church.

Some day, I will stand by the Word of God alone. That is good, but I have heard old ministers who have been on the frontier for years say that they were not able to give an exegesis on every Scripture. Then undoubtedly the one who says that he will stand by the word of God alone, means to say that he is able to place a proper meaning to every verse of Scripture, thus rendering the Church, elders, bishops, deacons, and evangelists useless as far as he is concerned. The Bible though divinely inspired is but a written document and remains always silent unless interpreted. To the apostles our Lord gave the charge to teach all nations as in Mark 16:16 and Matt. 28:19-20. It was the apostles that Christ sent to preach. The rest of the folks were to stay at home and work with their hands to support them that were sent. All can be Christians but all cannot be preachers. Preachers that have gone without being called are responsible for seventy-five per cent. of all the trouble that arises in the Church. Such ones should be encouraged to stay at home. One of the greatest apostles condemns private interpretations as shown in 2 Pet. 1:20, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation." For this reason Christ established His Church and God set in it, apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers. These are "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

If the laity shall say what we shall be and what we shall not be in regards to doctrine then the ministry is of no value and the Scriptures do not mean what they say. It is my opinion that it is high time that the ministry was getting their heads and hearts together and lifting up a standard for the people, and crying out against the rebellion that is in the Church as well as in the state which is hindering the progress of Christianity in this world. In so doing the godly will take warning and nestle close together behind the walls of Zion, while the ungodly will continue in their sin and rebellion until that day when the trumpet shall sound and awake all the redeemed of the past ages and we will be changed. They will come forth and we all will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, thus, we will be delivered from all the ungodly while they will be reserved in chains of darkness, and will be hissed around the black walls of hell, suffering the vengeance of an eternal God.

We see the danger of private interpretations as mentioned in 2 Pet. 3:16, "As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction." Then what are the people to do? They shall ask the

SAINTS IN CHINA FAST AND PRAY ON FOREIGN MISSION DAY

Tsinanfu, Shantung, China.
March 8, 1923.

Beloved Readers of the Evangel:

Praise God forever! You don't know how we do enjoy the Evangel here in our far away home. We love to read the articles from the different ones and truly we are one great family. What would we do without our little paper? It is not only refreshing to our souls and brings us much encouragement and cheer, but many have been the times after reading it that I have been melted to tears and to my knees before God that I might be more like Him and more for Him than ever before. There are no Church of God people anywhere who are more anxious to free the Evangel from debt than we here in China. May God answer our many prayers, and the many efforts put forth to free her from debt that she may continue her trips throughout the land without hindrance.

I feel I've learned a new way to pray about debts, we cast the devil out of people, spiritually and physically and what is there more annoying and hinders the work of God more than debts, so I've begun to cast them out by faith. Hallelujah! Cast them into the depths of the sea. Praise God!

We do greatly thank and praise God for the love of the saints in responding to our appeals in the paper, and we believe if this continues that all our obligations out here will soon be a thing of the past. May God bless you every one—from the least to the greatest. I do covet your most earnest prayers that I may be an instrument in our Lord's hands to lead many of these precious ones for whom He died to a knowledge of Himself. Dear friends, you can't realize what it means to live in a land of heathenism, where the power of sin and Satan is almost wholly unbroken. Truly we are helpless to help them without the mighty Holy Ghost. He it is that shall reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment to come. Not by power nor by might, but by my Spirit saith the Lord. So, dear ones, we have need of your continual prayers that we may be kept by His mighty power in the midst of this people whose land is as black as the night with sin and woe, sorrow and pain, sickness and terrible disease on almost every hand, where the very atmosphere is permeated with the spirits of evil—where the people all around are worshipping continually, but not our God. They are such enthusiastic worshippers. It is no wonder they make such good Christians when once they are saved. They are so bound by customs of centuries and fear to leave the gods their forefathers have worshipped, yet they realize they are powerless to answer their prayers.

It is not a new religion they are interested in, but they do fall in love with our Jesus, a God that can DO THINGS. Therefore, we must bring them a Gospel of signs and wonders. It is blessed how God saves and sanctifies and baptizes with the Holy Ghost over here in China just like He does in America, the same manifestation of the Holy Ghost. They get happy and shout just like we do in America, confess their sins and make right their wrongs just like we do, and talk in tongues, too. I believe they have greater faith for healing than some of us as they seem to believe that the Lord can do anything.

China New Year has just passed. As they had thirteen months this last year, Feb. 16, was their New Year Day. As I have told you before this is the greatest time of all the year in China. It is their Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, Sunday of the whole year and the birthday of every person, therefore, you can imagine there is much celebrating among them. Paper is burned to invite their dead ancestors home for the holidays where they have prepared food for them to eat (yet they know they don't eat it) then later they burn paper again to send them back to their place of abode. If any have been slack about their worship during the year they seem to make up for it at this time, and as the people in general are having a holiday it has been our custom to hold special service at the church, and the last night of the old year a watch night service is held at the Church and the Christians are glad to attend as a shelter as it were from the flood of darkness and superstition which is rampant during the night.

The coldest of the winter is now past and we are preparing to open up a real campaign against the enemy and all his evil works. By May, or before we expect the power to be falling. It will not be warm enough to baptize the ones who are ready for baptism now until May, but we shall first have a long series of meetings and then baptize. We are expecting GREAT THINGS from the Lord, and

way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten." Jer. 50:5. Then what are the people to remember and do? "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God." Heb. 13:7. And then, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Heb. 13:17.

we want to ask every one who reads these lines to right NOW pray earnestly for God to give us a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost. He did when we first came eight years ago, which far exceeded anything we could have asked of or thought, and since then the mercy drops have fallen, but now we shall be satisfied with nothing short of floodtides of His power and glory. Praise God! We have been thinking that perhaps the hard places we had to go through, these past months were a preparation for what He is going to do. Hallelujah!

Next Sunday is Foreign Mission Day again, however, you will not read this before the elapse of another month or more. Nevertheless, your missionaries here in China shall leave off their breakfast on that Sunday, and fast and pray God to make it one of the greatest days for Foreign Missions in the history of the Church of God. That there shall not be a member of the more than twenty thousand who shall not be stirred for a lost world on that day. Your missionaries are this day establishing this custom for the work here in China. As you will not know in time to join with us in March, we beseech you in Christ's name and for the souls for whom He died to unite with us and blend your prayers with ours May 13, which is the next Foreign Mission day. We are arranging to baptize a large number of Christians over here on that day so it should be a great encouragement and inspiration to all you dear ones as you observe the day.

I want to make a special request right here that every one of you on that day pray a Chinese loose from the bondage of the devil, that God will in answer to your prayer save a soul in China. (More than twenty thousand prayers will mean more than twenty thousand souls), and accompanied with an offering from each of you to help answer your own prayers will move China as nothing else has ever done. And just think how easy it will be! Did you ever hear of such a big thing being accomplished so easily and so quickly? Yet, we are the ones who are going to do exploits for God in these last days, so let's get in line NOW, saints. Every saint in the Church of God on Sunday May 13, pray a soul out of the clutches of the devil into the blessed experience you are enjoying. Your offerings will support your missionaries, send out new ones and help to build churches to gather these 20,000 souls into and pastor and instruct them in the way everlasting. Really, there is no telling or estimating just how much your prayers and offerings will accomplish. This little poem comes to me here.

"We kneel before the Throne of heavenly grace
With deep desire and passionate appeal,
Offering our varied needs to God in prayer,
We bring our wants to Him who listens there—
We plead with aching hearts for those we love,
And then await His answer from above.
Yet, if we only knew how vast and wide
God makes that answer, how on every side,
ALL THINGS are working together
for our highest good,
And if we only knew and understood;
Our prayers would more oft ascend,
For mighty answers, deep prayers attend."

If there are those in the Church of God who have not the means to contribute to Foreign Missions, I would suggest that you fast a meal and give the proceeds of that meal. God will truly bless you and make it up to you.

I remember some years ago in America when in charge of a Rescue Home, I was helping the girls with a small bit of sewing which we had taken in to help us financially. We all knew we had nothing to prepare for supper that night. I said to the girls that we wanted to give the proceeds of that work to Foreign Missions. The one whom I thought was most spiritual quickly answered and said that she did not think that was right as we had nothing ourselves. I replied that I had gone hungry for Home Missions, but had never done so for Foreign Missions. In a little while some one sent us in a big lot of groceries and we had plenty and to spare—there were even luxuries among them such as we would not have indulged in if we had had money, so we had a fine supper. When the girl mentioned came in she was so sweet and humble and told me not to say anything as she had repented already.

Well, praise God, I KNOW He will do the exceeding abundantly for us if we will only ask and believe, so saints let's get busy.

A heart full of love and prayers for the whole Evangel family.

I remain,
Your little sister in His glad service,
Jennie B. Rushin.

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